

UTM coordinates for waypoint locations used to generate Elori raw data in 2006.

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Project

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Abstract

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Coverage

Spatial Extent: N:16.81 E:-88.0746 S:16.7995 W:-88.0997

Temporal Extent: 2006 - 2006

Dataset Description

The geographic coordinate key for each waypoint location found in the [Goby abundance and morphology](#) dataset.

Methods & Sampling

Coordinates for waypoint locations.

Data Processing Description

BCO-DMO Data Processing Notes:

- reformatted column names to comply with naming standards
- replaced spaces with underscores
- added columns UTM_zone, hemisphere, lat, and lon

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Data Files

File
coordinates.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 24.45 KB) MD5:4830644e01957e420f7a533e2c835fe7 Primary data file for dataset ID 704783

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Related Publications

D'Aloia, C. C., Majoris, J. E., & Buston, P. M. (2011). Predictors of the distribution and abundance of a tube sponge and its resident goby. Coral Reefs, 30(3). doi:[10.1007/s00338-011-0755-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00338-011-0755-1)
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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
waypoint_ID	PI issued location ID	unitless
UTM_zone	UTM zone for northing and easting coordinates	unitless
hemisphere	Hemisphere for northing and easting coordinates	unitless
easting	Easting coordinate	Universal Transverse Mercator coordinate system
northing	Northing coordinate	Universal Transverse Mercator coordinate system
lat	Latitude	decimal degrees
lon	Longitude	decimal degrees

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Deployments

Belize_2010

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/704795
Platform	lab Buston
Description	Buston lab expeditions to Belize beginning in 2010.

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Project Information

An Integrative Investigation of Population Connectivity Using a Coral Reef Fish (Elacatinus Dispersal I)

Website: <http://people.bu.edu/buston/lab/Welcome.html>

Coverage: Belizean Barrier Reef System (16.803 degrees North 88.096 degrees West)

Understanding the patterns, causes and consequences of larval dispersal is a major goal of 21st century marine ecology. Patterns of dispersal determine the rates of larval exchange, or connectivity, between populations. Both physical factors (e.g., water movement) and biological factors (e.g., larval behavior) cause variation in population connectivity. Population connectivity, in turn, has major consequences for all aspects of an organism's biology, from individual behavior to metapopulation dynamics, and from evolution within metapopulations to the origin and extinction of species. Further, understanding population connectivity is critical for the design of effective networks of marine reserves, creation of vital tools in conservation, and the development of sustainable fisheries.

Over the last decade, three methods, each of which tells something slightly different, have emerged as leading contenders to provide the greatest insights into population connectivity. First, coupled biophysical models make assumptions regarding water flow, larval behavior and ecology, to predict population connectivity. Second, indirect genetic methods use spatial distributions of allele frequencies to infer population connectivity. Third, direct genetic methods use parentage analyses, tracing recruits to specific adults, to measure population connectivity. Despite advances, lack of integration means that we do not know the predictive skill of biophysical models, or the extent to which patterns of dispersal predict spatial genetic structure. The overall objective of this proposal is to conduct an integrated investigation of population connectivity, using all three methods in one tractable system: the neon goby, *Elacatinus lori*, on the Belizean Barrier Reef. There are three motives for this choice of study system: i) fourteen highly polymorphic microsatellite loci have been developed, facilitating the assignment of recruits to parents using parentage analyses and the measurement of dispersal; ii) the physical oceanography of the Belizean Barrier Reef is well-studied, facilitating the development and testing of coupled biophysical models; and, iii) *E. lori* has a relatively small biogeographic range, facilitating analysis of the spatial distribution of allele frequencies throughout its range.

Broader Impacts. The grant will support one postdoc and two graduate students who will be trained in scientific diving, marine fieldwork, population genetics, biophysical modeling, and mathematical modeling, and will gain collaborative research experience. PIs will incorporate research findings in their courses, which cover all these topics. The grant will also broaden participation of under-represented groups by supporting six undergraduates from groups traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields. In each year of the project there will be an All Participants meeting to reinforce the network of participants. A project website will be developed, in English and Spanish, on the theme of larval dispersal and population connectivity. This will include a resource for K-12 marine science educators developed in collaboration with a marine science educator. All PIs will ensure that results are broadly disseminated to the scientific community and general public via appropriate forms of media.

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